Punjab Files
ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸਨਾਤਨੀ ਦੀ ਆਵਾਜ਼

YEAR 1979

SEVEN KILLED AS POLICE, NIHANGS CLASH

CHANDIGARH, April 12 (U.N.I) — Seven persons, including three policemen, were killed in an armed clash between the police and Nihangs in Khara village of Muktsar tehsil in Faridkot district last night.

Following the clash, in which the two sides exchanged fire almost throughout the night, the police were alerted in several districts of Punjab to prevent any incidents on Baisakhi day tomorrow, when congregations of Nihangs and other sects are expected to be held at various places.

An Inspector who went to the spot for investigation was attacked with spears. A police party rushed to the spot but the Nihangs, armed with automatic rifles, started firing from inside the gurdwara.

The exchange of fire continued the whole night.

Four Nihangs inside the gurdwara surrendered to the police this morning and were arrested.

Four Nihangs were killed in the exchange of fire.

The D.I.G. (Police), Mr J.S. Anand, has gone to the spot, Mr Daiewalia said.

The Deputy Commissioner and the Senior Superintendent of Police of Faridkot immediately went to the gurdwara last night when the exchange of fire started. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Muktsar also reached the spot.

The Chief Minister in whose home district the incident took place, is being informed about it on the wireless.

The trouble began when some Nihangs approached the gurdwara granthi and demanded a share in offertory. They were offered some food but they expressed resentment over its quantity. They roughed up the gurdwara granthi. Soon a small contingent of police arrived on the scene and encircled the gurdwara. The police party was attacked by the Nihangs. Subsequently the Nihangs entered the gurdwara and an exchange of fire started.

The situation was officially stated to be under control.

The gurdwara is located at a small distance from Sarainaga

Continued on page 18 col 3

Punjab Sanatani

ਦੌੜਿਆ ਨਿਹੰਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ ਫੜ ਲਿਆ

ਨਿਹੰਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਮੋਢੇ ਤੇ ਛਾਤੀ ਤੇ ਗੋਲੀ ਦੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ

ਫਰੀਦਕੋਟ, 14 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ— (ਹਿ.ਸ.) ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ ਸਰਾਏ ਨਾਗਾ ਨੇੜੇ ਪੁਲਸ ਤੇ ਨਿਹੰਗਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਹੋਈ ਝੜਪ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਨਿਹੰਗ ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਅਜ ਇਥੇ ਗ੍ਰਿਫਤਾਰ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ। ਚੇਤੇ ਰਹੇ ਇਸ ਝੜਪ ਵਿਚ 4 ਨਿਹੰਗ ਤੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਪੁਲਸ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਐਸ.ਐਸ.ਪੀ. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸਿਮਰਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਨ ਨੇ ਦਸਿਆ ਕਿ 4 ਨਿਹੰਗਾਂ ਨੇ ਮੌਕੇ ਤੇ ਹੀ ਆਤਮ ਸਮਰਪਨ ਕਰ ਦਿਤਾ ਸੀ ਜਦਕਿ ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੌੜ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਅਜ ਗ੍ਰਿਫਤਾਰ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ। ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਾਨ ਦੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਮੋਢੇ, ਛਾਤੀ ਤੇ ਸਜੇ ਹਥ ਤੇ ਗੋਲੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਹਨ।

Punjabi Samalam